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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 00/03045

For: Decoupling Device For Actuators

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Replace in their entirety pages 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 19, 21, and 26, with new pages 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 19, 21, and 26, attached hereto as Appendix 2.

Page 22, line 1, delete "Claims" and insert --We Claim--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-16 and add new claims 17-38.

17. In a decoupling device (1) for an actuator (2), in particular an electric motor (2), with a one-part or multiple part decoupling housing (6, 7, 8), which is connected to a function housing (13) and at least partially encompasses the actuator (2), and with decoupling elements (14, 15) comprised of an elastic material, wherein each decoupling element (14, 15) rests against support shoulders (24, 25, 26), the